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SUBJ: MEETING OF BAUXITE PRODUCING NATIONS

REF: STATE 16758

1. EMBASSY HAS PIECED TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF BAUXITE PRODUCING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES. MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEB 21 AT CONAKRY. JAMAICAN DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY ALLEN ISAACS, MINISTER OF MINES AND NATURAL RESOURCES RATHER THAN SIR EDGERTON RICHARDSON WHO REPORTEDLY TOOK SUCH A HARD LINE AT THE BELGRADE MEETING. RICHARDSON WILL, HOWEVER, FORM A PART OF THE JAMAICAN DELEGATION.

2. JAMAICAN OBJECTIVES AT THE MEETING WILL BE TO SECURE RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION OF PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION AND TO WIN ITS HEADQUARTERS FOR JAMAICA. JAMAICAN DELEGATION WILL ALSO EXPLAIN AND SEEK APPROVAL OF OTHER PRODUCING NATIONS FOR THE APPROACH

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IT INTENDS TO TAKE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMPANIES BEGINNING

IN EARLY MARCH (FYI, THE GOJ WILL SEEK HIGHER REVENUES AND GREATER PRODUCTION, BUT PROBABLY WILL NOT SEEK NATIONALIZATION OR EQUITY PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME). ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CONTACTS, AN ATTEMPT TO FORM A BAUXITE PRODUCERS CARTEL TO RAISE PRICES OR RESTRICT AVAILABILITY OF BAUXITE ON THE WORLD MARKET IS NOT RPT NOT LIKELY AT THIS TIME.

3. ACCORDING TO ISAACS, AUSTRALIA HAS KEPT A VERY LOW PROFILE AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND HAS INSISTED ON PRIOR CONSULTATION IN DETAIL BEFORE ANY JOINT ACTION, AND ALSO THAT ANY ACTION BE BASED ON A UNANIMOUS DECISION FREELY ARRIVED AT BY PRODUCERS.

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